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SPRING SOWS IN 10 STATES UP 2 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the spring of 1962 (December through May) for 10 of the Corn Belt States at 5,540,000 head is 2 percent more than the same period in 1961 but 6 percent below the 1951-60 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Eight of the 10 States show an increase in spring farrowings compared with a year earlier. The increases range from 1 percent in Kansas to 6 percent in Indiana and South Dakota. An increase of 2 percent is indicated for Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio; and 3 percent in Illinois and Nebraska. States showing decreases are Wisconsin (down 6 percent)and Minnesota (down 2 percent). The present increase of 2 percent in spring farrowings in the 10 States, compares with an increase of 4 percent as indicated December 1, 1961. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 77 percent of the 1961 United States pig crop.

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY FARROWINGS UP 1 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during December, January, and February totaled 1,791,000 head, 1 percent more than during the same period a year earlier and 19 percent more than average. These farrowings represent 32 percent of the December-May expected total compared with 33 percent last year and the 10-year average of 25 percent. On December 1, 1961, farmers intended to increase December-February farrowings 6 percent, 5 percentage points above the present estimate. Most of the increase in December-February farrowings occurred in December and January while February was down slightly compared with a year earlier.

MARCH-MAY INTENDED FARROWINGS UP 2 PERCENT:

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in March, April, and May this year in the 10 States total 3,749,000 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier but 15 percent below average. Increases from a year earlier were indicated by 6 of the 10 States, ranging from 3 percent in Nebraska to 9 percent in Indiana. Decreases were indicated in Kansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Missouri showed no change from the previous year. The March 1 intentions for these months are 1 percent or 40,000 head less than the intentions reported in December.

JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS UP 5 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,422,000 sows to farrow during the 1962 summer quarter (June through August) for the 10 States. This is an increase of 5 percent or 114,000 sows more than the 2,308,000 that farrowed during the

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February 1/				March through May			
	Average 1951-60	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961	Average 1951-60	1961	1962 2/	1962 as % of 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	134	133	130	98	229	185	194	105
Ind.	272	276	285	103	304	279	303	109
Ill.	254	328	325	99	669	591	622	105
Wis.	77	87	85	98	235	188	173	92
Minn.	109	148	155	105	487	360	343	95
Iowa	348	443	436	98	1,444	1,158	1,197	103
Mo.	165	169	178	105	319	300	300	100
S.Dak.	27	38	45	118	273	225	234	104
Nebr.	72	87	90	103	340	278	286	103
Kans.	46	59	62	105	95	98	97	99
Total 10 States	1,503	1,768	1,791	101	4,395	3,662	3,749	102

State	December through May 1/				June through August			
	Average 1951-60	1961	1962 3/	1962 as % of 1961	Average 1951-60	1961	1962 2/	1962 as % of 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	363	318	324	102	160	153	155	101
Ind.	576	555	588	106	328	325	335	103
Ill.	923	919	947	103	343	422	443	105
Wis.	312	275	258	94	112	131	137	105
Minn.	596	508	498	98	190	211	224	106
Iowa	1,793	1,601	1,633	102	551	608	635	104
Mo.	484	469	478	102	198	224	235	105
S.Dak.	300	263	279	106	47	60	66	110
Nebr.	413	365	376	103	85	116	122	105
Kans.	140	157	159	101	44	58	70	121
Total 10 States	5,899	5,430	5,540	102	2,059	2,308	2,422	105

1/ December preceding year.
2/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.
3/ Sum of December through February farrowings and March through May intentions to farrow.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes March 1,
Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1960	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961	1960	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	865	914	890	97	991	1,039	1,087	105
Ind.	2,010	1,970	2,049	104	1,555	1,640	1,670	102
Ill.	2,180	2,340	2,230	95	2,520	2,510	2,739	109
Wis.	630	601	585	97	612	576	606	105
Minn.	980	1,080	1,110	103	900	1,040	1,070	103
Iowa	2,920	3,350	3,040	91	3,815	3,925	4,100	104
Mo.	1,110	1,180	1,205	102	1,550	1,620	1,580	98
S.Dak.	244	271	310	114	289	370	410	111
Nebr.	605	635	625	98	800	915	970	106
Kans.	357	412	425	103	422	490	520	106
Total 10 States	11,901	12,753	12,469	98	13,454	14,125	14,752	104

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1960	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961	1960	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961	1960	1961	1962	1962 as % of 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	1,856	1,953	1,977	101	656	634	636	100	2,512	2,587	2,613	101
Ind.	3,565	3,610	3,719	103	1,492	1,498	1,542	103	5,057	5,108	5,261	103
Ill.	4,700	4,850	4,969	102	2,357	2,207	2,300	104	7,057	7,057	7,269	103
Wis.	1,242	1,177	1,191	101	571	545	548	101	1,813	1,722	1,739	101
Minn.	1,880	2,120	2,180	103	1,284	1,265	1,205	95	3,164	3,385	3,385	100
Iowa	6,735	7,275	7,140	98	4,820	4,627	4,762	103	11,555	11,902	11,902	100
Mo.	2,660	2,800	2,785	99	1,120	1,018	1,033	101	3,780	3,818	3,818	100
S.Dak.	533	641	720	112	522	551	603	109	1,055	1,192	1,323	111
Nebr.	1,405	1,550	1,595	103	848	838	865	103	2,253	2,388	2,460	103
Kans.	779	902	945	105	319	284	312	110	1,098	1,186	1,257	106
Total 10 States	25,355	27,221	26,878	101	13,989	13,806	13,467	103	39,344	41,027	40,345	102

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same period in 1961 and is 18 percent above the June-August 10-year average. Increases from a year earlier were indicated by all 10 States for this quarter. Intended increases are 21 percent in Kansas; 10 percent in South Dakota; 6 percent in Minnesota; 5 percent in Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin; 4 percent in Iowa; 3 percent in Indiana; and 1 percent in Ohio.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS UP 2 PERCENT:

The number of hogs and pigs on farms March 1, 1962, totaled 41,027,000 head. This number is 2 percent larger than the 40,345,000 head a year earlier. Inventory numbers were the same as March 1, 1961, in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, while increases in the remaining 7 States ranged from 1 percent in Ohio and Wisconsin to 11 percent in South Dakota.

Hogs and pigs 6 months old and over totaled 13,806,000 head or 3 percent more than a year earlier.

The number of hogs and pigs under 6 months of age was 1 percent larger than a year earlier. The number under 3 months of age was 2 percent smaller. The decrease is the result of fewer pigs saved per litter, since more sows farrowed. The number 3-6 months of age was 4 percent larger than for March 1, 1961. The 12,469,000 pigs under 3 months of age was 30 percent of all hogs and pigs in the March 1 inventory and the 3-6 months age group at 14,752,000 pigs represented 36 percent of the total.

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